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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF SR-6J

Mr. Michael DeRosa
1360 North Wood Dale Road
Suite A
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Re: Master Metals, Inc. Superfund Site
Work Required for Site Security and Safety

Dear Mr. DeRosa:

During our visit to the Master Metals, Inc. Superfund Site on 17 November I noticed that security at the site is not adequate. According to the scope of work for Phase I, long term securing of the facility against trespassers through use of fences, signs and other devices is required. There are many holes and gaps in the fence which allow easy access to the site. In addition, existing signs on the fence do not adequately state the dangers that exist on site. Finally there are multiple open pits which could be a hazard to unauthorized visitors and that are not adequately marked.

Also during the above-mentioned site visit, I noticed that the material stockpiled on site from the Holmden Avenue removal site was not covered and was exposed to the weather and potential wind and water erosion. According to the final report on the Holmden Avenue Removal Activities, a 6 mil polyethylene cover was required to prevent contaminant migration until ultimate disposal is determined.

Please submit a action plan for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) approval to address the above concerns. To avoid these concerns from becoming an issue during the public involvement process, please submit an action plan for U.S. EPA approval by January 3, 1999. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (312) 353-5263.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey B. Heath
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Don Bruce, U.S. EPA, RRS#4
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